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DATE: February 16, 2006

TO: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich,

FROM: Kurt E. Floren  
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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK, MARCH 1-7, 2006

Throughout the nation, State and local jurisdictions are observing the week of March 1-7, 2006, as National Weights and Measures Week. The celebration commemorates the passage, by the Congress of the United States, of the first weights and measures law on March 2, 1799.

**“Weights and Measures: Ensuring an Environment of Equitable Commerce”** is this year’s theme. Each day, the average County citizen makes numerous purchase decisions – to buy gasoline, groceries, building supplies, garden products, automotive lubricants, and an endless array of commodities, both pre-packaged or measured at the time of sale by scales and meters. Consumers must be able to compare values and sellers must be assured means to compete fairly for those sales. As diverse as the transactions and the parties to them may be, one ingredient is necessary to ensure equity in the marketplace and to maintain a strong and vibrant economy: Trust that is built into every transaction through a comprehensive weights and measures program.

The application of uniform weights and measures standards to commercial transactions is critical to the establishment and maintenance of an environment of equitable commerce. The resulting positive outcomes of such uniformity are many, including the instilling of confidence in both buyers and sellers, the fostering of good will and trust, the minimization of barriers to interstate trade, and protection of existing and future opportunities for international trade.

I would appreciate your introducing the attached resolution at the February 28, 2006, meeting of the Board of Supervisors. It is most appropriate that you present this resolution due to your much appreciated and continued support for the weights and measures program.

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Attachment